(b) how many derailment incidents have occurred during the last six months and at what places;

(c) what are the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have conducted enquiries of these incidents; and

(e) if so, what is the result of the enquiries together with action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) On 30.7.94, on Agra Fort-Bayana section of Western Railway, 13 coaches of 3111 Up Sealdah-Jaipur Express derailed between Poopwas and Bansi Paharpur stations. However, there was no death or injury to any passenger.

(b) 201 derailments occurred during the six month period from February '94 to July '94.

(c) Zone-wise details are given below:—

Railway	Total number of derailments February-July'94
Central	17
Eastern	19
Northern	22
North Eastern	5
Northeast Frontier	32
Southern	14
South Central	20
South Eastern	46
Western	26
TOTAL:	201

(d) and (e) Each and every accident is inquired into by Commissioners of Railway Safety or by an appropriate multi-disciplinary committee of officers, depending upon the gravity of the accident. Suitable follow-up action in each case is taken against the staff held responsible and disciplinary proceedings launched, culminating into various penalties including dismissal, removal, reversion, reduction in grade or pay and stoppage of increments etc. Further safety measures are adopted on the conclusion of findings and recommendations made in the inquiry reports.

Misuse of Complementary Railway Passes

3011. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the complimentary railway passes issued to the deserving persons have been misused by the unscrupulous people;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government propose to take precautionary measures so that it may not occur again; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir. Some such cases have come to notice.

(b) 9 cases of misuse of such passes have been detected including 6 on Northern Railway and one each on Central, North Eastern and Western Railways.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Preventive/surprise checks by Commercial and Vigilance Departments would continue in respect of complimentary passes.

Amount spent on advertisement

3012. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the details of the total amount spent by your Ministry on advertisements given to the Newspapers direct or through DAVP etc. during the period 1992-93 and 1993-94 language-wise and Railway Zone-wise?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF):

Railway Advertisements are not released through DAVP. Railway advertisements are released directly. The details of the total amount spent by the Railways for the periods 1992-93 and 1993-94 languagewise and zonewise are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix 171, Annexure 49]

Independent Suburbans Railway Transport Department

3013. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have agreed in principle to have an independent Suburbans Railways Transport Department; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Merging Kolhapur in Central Railway

3014. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a constant demand for annexing Kolhapur to Central Railway;

(b) whether it is also a fact that though the starting point for Mumbai trains is Kolhapur, still very few seats and berths are made available for Kolhapur commuters; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) The Railways have, from time to time, received suggestions regarding the transfer of Pune-Kolhapur section from South-Central Railway to Central Railway.

(b) and (c) The following quotas are available in trains originating from Kolhapur for Bombay:—

Train No.	Class					
	AC 2T	FC	AC Chair	SL Class	Second Seat	%
7304 Sahyadri	—	5	—	64	—	
Express	—	—	19	—	8	
7308 Koyna	13	10	—	247	—	
Express						
7312 Mahalaxmi						
Express						

These quotas are reviewed periodically and adjustments made wherever found feasible and justified. As regards transfer of Pune-Kolhapur section from South Central to Central Railway, the same is under study and examination.

Child begging on Railway Stations

3015. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govenment have made any assessment of the growing child begging problem on the various sections of the Railways on the Railway Stations and in the running trains;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any special squad has been deployed by Government to check child begging on the stations and in the running trains;